Rose Vernola Plautz

September 17, 1924 ~ August 18, 2019

Rose passed peacefully on Sunday, August 18 in the presence of her sons Rick and George and Rick\s wife, Kim, after receiving phone messages from her daughter, Carol and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rose came from the small village of Loseto in Puglia, Italy. At the age of 14, she arrived in New York by ship and traveled all alone by train to Los Angeles to be with her father. There, she met the love of her life, Arthur Plautz. They married and, being a military family, traveled extensively while raising their three children.

Besides being an amazing cook, Rose enjoyed crocheting, crewel embroidery and playing games of pinochle, canasta, Shanghai and Michigan Rummy with friends and family. Even after retirement, Rose and Arthur continued to travel and even after Arthur\s death in 2005, Rose remained peripatetic until injuries and dementia required her to receive constant care. We want to especially thank Angelica and Corey and the staff and residents of Silverado Memory and Hospice Care for taking such good care of Rose at the end of her life.

\"Rose was not just a person, but a whole kind of person, the kind of person who crossed the ocean, who brought to America their villages from the old country and who struggled to keep that old world alive in this often unwelcoming, new world. So we, the descendants of Rose, grew up in a special kind of America, one that contained the soil of Loseto, the smells and tastes of Puglia, the spirit of Italy. She carried her village here on her young shoulders, on a boat, across an ocean and kept it alive in all the places we lived. That soil, those tastes, that spirit is in our bones and we have passed them down to our children and to their children. Such great voyages like the one Rose made are not taking place anymore and the kind of person that Rose was and the kind of voyage she made may soon be at an end in this world, but it is still inside of us thanks to her.\" - inspired by a speech at the beginning of the play, Angels in America by Tony Kushner.

Survived by: her children: Carol Terry (and husband Sparky), Rick (and wife Kim), George; her grandchildren: Rick and Jess (and wife Valerie); and great grandchildren: Elle Rose and George

Preceded in death by her husband, parents and siblings